

Communication from Public

Name: Christina Boyar
Date Submitted: 01/28/2025 08:19 AM
Council File No: 25-0006-S16

Comments for Public Posting: I urge the Council to vote yes on this motion as written. The wildfires have devastated our communities, and tenants who were already facing unaffordable rent and persistent rent burden are now more vulnerable than ever to displacement. Thousands of people have lost their homes, their neighborhoods, and their jobs. Price gouging has also been out of control as a result of these fires, worsening our affordability crisis. According to a recent report by The Rent Brigade, rent-gouging has surged by over 5,000% from January 7 to January 18. Landlords and agents are illegally overcharging renters by \$7.7 million per month, amounting to \$92.4 million annually above the legal limit. Tenants are trying to recover from these wildfires, and cannot face the threat of losing their homes. A 2022 Economic Roundtable study showed that eviction protections along with other tenant aid during the COVID-19 pandemic likely reduced the growth of homelessness in LA by 43%-- we need effective protections like this, and we need them urgently. We must ensure this crisis doesn't lead to an even greater one: widespread evictions, skyrocketing rents, and increased homelessness. LA City must pause evictions and rent increases to help people struggling to pay rent after losing their income and prevent further displacement and homelessness caused by the fires. Tenants are trying to recover from these wildfires, and cannot face the threat of losing their homes. Thank you.

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Name: Rae Huang

Date Submitted: 01/26/2025 04:41 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I live in CD 11 and my community has been directly impacted by the fires. As a local volunteer community organizer in my neighborhood of West LA and state housing justice coalition organizer, I support a rent freeze and eviction moratorium and strongly urge my councilmember Traci Park, and all of our city leaders to vote yes to protect our most vulnerable members from becoming further impacted by this disaster on top of our housing crisis.

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Name: DAKOTA

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Comments for Public Posting: The consequences of this extremely devastating fire will have ripple effects on all people in the LA area, which means all business will be affected. The cost of doing business will grow exponentially and this will ripple down to each consumer. The City Council must strongly address the future of this city and know for LA to recover, a 12-month rent freeze must begin immediately as well as a 12-month eviction moratorium. I strongly urge the City Council to put the needs of its citizens first and to vote YES to enact this motion. Thank you for your time.

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Name: Kevin M.

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Comments for Public Posting: Good day, As a resident/constituent of the City of Los Angeles, AD52, CD14 - I write this letter in SUPPORT of the motion that will offer crucial protections for those affected by the devastating Jan 2025 Fires. We must work and strive for the safety and well being of all residents of our communities. This is what makes a just and compassionate society. The protections in this motion are legal and possible under the city Government Code. The motion is specific in who it protects, specific to those affected by the fires. Our affected community members need all the help available to them. We have seen the predatory behaviors by some after the tragic fire in Hawaii, the large California fires of previous years, and sadly even after the Eaton and Palisades fires. Please, use your votes to do what you were elected to do- serve the residents of Los Angeles in the best possible way. Please do what is right and just. Thank you

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Name: Jenelle V.

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Comments for Public Posting: Please vote YES on an immediate rent freeze. Angelenos who have lost their homes need this assistance.